

LOCKETT ESTATE

- **Project: Kissimmee River**

- **Acreage: 16.65 Total**

13.92 Outside Project

- **Request: Authority to solicit a lease or management agreement to assure preservation and public access to the historical/education site**



Background

- **8/93 - Acquired 1,000 acres from Lockett Estate**
- **At Probate Court hearing, SFWMD committed to assure preservation and development of the property as a historical site**

- **Currently, SFWMD is performing basic property maintenance. The site is only open to the public for special events.**
- **Over the years, SFWMD has offered property to several historic agencies including:**
 - **State Division of Historic Resources**
 - **State Division of Parks and Recreation**
 - **State Office of Greenways and Trails**
 - **Trust for Public Lands**
 - **Florida Atlantic University**
 - **Highlands County**

- **Site assessment estimates minimum of \$500,000 needed to renovate and repair**
- **Recommendation is to seek outside bids/proposals to manage and maintain property at no cost to SFWMD in order to assure preservation and development as a historical/educational site open to the public**